

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A hearing system ~~(1)~~ comprising at least one ear-applicable hearing device ~~(3,5,7)~~ with an input acoustical/electrical converter arrangement~~(3)~~, said system being controllably operable in one operating status and in at least one second operating status characterised by a sensing unit~~(9,24,L)~~ sensing behaviour of an acoustical impedance to an acoustical input of said input converter arrangement and an evaluation unit ~~(11, L)~~ evaluating said sensed behaviour over at least one predetermined behaviour of said acoustical impedance, an output of said evaluation unit ~~(11, L)~~ controlling change over from said one to said at least one second operating status~~(15)~~.

Claim 2 (Currently amended): The system of claim 1, said predetermined behaviour being caused by applying a hand adjacent to and/or to said hearing device ~~caused by applying a hand adjacent to and/or to said hearing device.~~

Claim 3 (Currently amended): The system of claim 1 or 2, wherein said hearing device has an output electrical to

acoustical converter ~~(7a)~~ arrangement, characterised by said sensing unit ~~(9,24,24a)~~ sensing stability of an acoustical/electrical feedback loop ~~(1)~~ including said hearing device ~~(7,11)~~ at an individual.

Claim 4 (Currently amended): The system of claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~, characterised by the fact that said sensing unit and said evaluation unit is realised by an acoustical/electrical feedback loop ~~(1)~~ including said hearing device at said individual.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): The system of claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein said first and second operating status comprise operating status of said hearing device ~~(3,5,7)~~.

Claim 6 (Currently amended): The system of claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~, comprising a second hearing device ~~(3₂, 5₂, 7₂)~~ operationally connected to said first hearing device ~~(3₂, 5₁, 7₁)~~ by a communication link ~~(30)~~, said first and second operating status comprising status of said second hearing device.

Claim 7 (Currently amended): The system of claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~, comprising a second hearing device operationally connected to said first hearing device by a communication link ~~(30)~~, said first and second status comprising status of said communication link ~~(30)~~.

Claim 8 (Original): The system of claim 1, consisting of said hearing device.

Claim 9 (Currently amended): The system of claim 1 ~~claims 1 to 8~~, wherein said at least ~~said~~ one hearing device is an outside-the-ear hearing device or an in-the-ear hearing device or a completely-in-the-canal hearing device.

Claim 10 (Currently amended): The system of claim 1 ~~one of claims 1 to 9~~, wherein said at least one hearing device is a hearing aid device.

Claim 11 (Original): A method for manually controlling a hearing system with a hearing device comprising applying a hand adjacent to and/or to said hearing device, sensing an acoustical input impedance change caused by said hand to control said hearing system.